

PATENT  
DON01 P-927  
Express Mail No. EL846000180US



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Todd W. Pastrick  
For : VEHICLE EXTERIOR MIRROR SYSTEM  
WITH TURN SIGNAL LIGHT ASSEMBLY

Box Patent Application  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.51, 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information listed on attached Forms PTO 1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with examination of the present application. With the exception of newly cited reference, copies of the documents listed on Form PTO-1449 are not submitted herewith because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in a prior application, which is properly identified as parent application Serial No. 09/596,015, filed on June 16, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,296,379, issuing on October 2, 2001, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/259,815, filed on February 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,086,229, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/933,375, filed on September 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,879,074, which is a continuation Serial No. 08/607,284, filed on February 26, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,669,704, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/426,591, filed on April 21, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,497,306, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/333,412, filed on November 2, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,497,305, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/011,947, filed on February 1, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,371,659. A copy of each information item is of record in one of these prior related applications.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

Under 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

Applicants : Todd W. Pastrick  
Page : 2

The European Search Report for European patent application Serial No. 96650012.6, based on a related U.S. patent application, Serial No. 08/426,591, now U.S. Patent No. 5,497,306 is listed to provide a statement of relevance for French Patent Documents 2,618,397 and 2,612,136 and German Patent Documents 2634372 and 3614882, which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form.

United States Patents 5,497,306; 5,669,704 and 5,879,074 issued to Pastrick, United States Patents 5,371,659; 5,497,305; 5,669,699; 5,669,705; 5,823,654; 5,863,116 and 6,074,077 issued to Pastrick et al., United States Patent 5,151,824 issued to O'Farrell; United States Patents 5,624,176 and 5,871,275 issued to O'Farrell et al. and United States Patent 5,179,471 issued to Caskey et al. are commonly assigned with the present application.

Notably, three patents listed on the attached PTO-1449 form correspond to or are related to previously identified patents, namely: GB 2 275 329 corresponds or is related to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,371,659; 5,497,305; and 5,497,306, FR 2,618,397 corresponds or is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,809,137, and FR 2,612,136 corresponds or is related to DE 3,803,510.

German Patent Document 94095663 discloses an exterior rearview mirror assembly with a forward facing light assembly and reflector strips.

German Patent Document 9101029 discloses an exterior rearview mirror assembly which incorporated two forward facing blinking light sources.

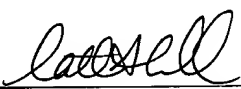
German Patent Document 4141208 discloses an exterior rearview mirror assembly with a blinking light source.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD W. PASTRICK

By: Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart, LLP

September 28, 2001  
Date

  
Catherine S. Collins  
Registration No. 37 599  
2851 Charlevoix Drive, S.E.  
P.O. Box 888695  
Grand Rapids, MI 49588-8695  
(616) 975-5500

CSC:lmisc